

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1-11. (Canceled)
12. (Currently Amended) An image display system comprising:
  - an image supply device;
  - an image display device configured to display an image represented by image information supplied from the image supply device; and
  - an input device configured to supply to the image supply device an input operation signal representing operations of a specific input device,
    - the input device includes:
      - a tapping sound detector configured to detect a tapping sound made by a user on a screen to generate a tapping sound detection signal;
      - a microphone detachably attached to the screen and in communication with the tapping sound detector;
      - a converter configured to convert the tapping sound detection signal into the input operation signal simulating an operation of a specific input device; and
      - an operation signal output device configured to output the input operation signal.
    - wherein the image supply device prohibits output of a new input operation signal from the input device for a predetermined period of time after receiving a previous input operation signal from the input device.
  13. (Canceled)
  14. (Original) An image display system according to claim 12, wherein the image supply device keeps a position of a mark image displayed on the image display device for a

predetermined period of time after a first tapping sound is detected by the tapping sound detector.

15. (Original) An image display system according to claim 12, wherein the image supply device changes appearance of an index image displayed on the image display device in response to the input operation signal.

16. (Currently Amended) An image display system comprising:

- an image supply device;
- an image display device configured to display an image represented by image information supplied from the image supply device; and
- a pointing device configured to supply to the image display device a pointing signal indicating a position on a display screen of the image display device,
- the pointing device comprising:
  - a position determination device configured to determine an indicated position on the display screen pointed with a pointing means by a user, to thereby generate a position signal representing the indicated position;
  - an acoustic input device configured to generate an input operation signal responsive to a sound made by the user, the input operation signal representing operations of a specific input device; and
  - a pointing signal output device configured to supply the pointing signal including the position signal and the input operation signal to the image supply device,
  - the acoustic input device including:
    - a tapping sound detector configured to detect a tapping sound made by the user on a screen on the display screen to generate a tapping sound detection signal;

a microphone detachably attached to the screen and in communication with the tapping sound detector;

a converter configured to convert the tapping sound detection signal into the input operation signal; and

an operation signal output device configured to supply the input operation signal to the pointing signal output device, wherein the input operation signal is transmitted using a transmitter and ~~a receiver.~~ receiver,

wherein the image supply device prohibits output of a new pointing signal from the acoustic input device for a predetermined period of time after receiving a previous pointing signal from the acoustic input device.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) An image display system according to claim 16, wherein the image supply device keeps a position of a pointer image displayed on the image display device for a predetermined period of time after a first tapping sound is detected by the tapping sound detector.

19. (Original) An image display system according to claim 16, wherein the image supply device changes appearance of an index image displayed on the image display device in response to the pointing signal.